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| For: ARTICLE TRANSPORT APPARATUS | : | <i>Allowed: June 4, 2008</i> |
| HAVING TROUGH AND | : | |
| RECIPROCATING MOVEMENT | : | |
| MECHANISM, AND COMBINATION | : | |
| WEIGHING APPARATUS PROVIDED | : | |
| THEREWITH (As Amended) | : | |

REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF PRIOR ART
PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED IN INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231
Sir:

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Gibson for the June 4, 2008 Notice of Allowability and thorough examination of the present application.

Applicants noticed that Applicants has not received a signed copy of the form 1449 indicating Japanese Laid-Open Utility Model Patent Application Publication No. H04-118632 U has been considered by the Examiner. This reference was previously submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement on December 19, 2005. As discussed in the Applicants' October 10, 2007 response, Applicants believe the December 19, 2005 Information Disclosure Statement fully complied with the rules since the English-language version of the international search report was also submitted upon submission of the Information Disclosure Statement. Thus, Applicants respectfully request this reference be considered by the Examiner.

For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants herewith attach a new PTO form 1449 listing Japanese Laid-Open Utility Model Patent Application Publication No. H04-118632 U. Applicants respectfully request that a signed copy of the attached PTO-1449 form be returned to Applicants.

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